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## REQUEST FOR CORRECT REFERENCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated April 16, 2002, the Examiner cited ten (10) references in rejecting the claims of the above-referenced patent application, but a copy of the following patent has not been furnished to applicants' representative:

U.S. Patent No. 6,116,109 - Zernickel, Alexander

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Instead of U.S. Patent No. 6,116,109, the Patent Office sent us a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,119,109.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified patent be forwarded to applicants' representative, and that the term set by the Office Action of April 16, 2002 be reset with the mailing of such missing patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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